



WINTER WEATHER UPDATE
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2:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

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LIGHT TO OCCASSIONALLY MODERATE SNOW EXPECTED ON SATURDAY ACROSS THE STATE...

**NEW STORM TRACK A LITTLE FARTHER OFF SHORE...
NO WATCHES OR WARNINGS ISSUED AT THIS TIME...**

The latest computer models have moved the storm track approximately 25 miles farther southeast. The models remain in good agreement that a low pressure system will form off the North Carolina Coast late tonight and move Northeast well to the Southeast of New England by Saturday afternoon. As the storm moves well to our southeast a large area of light to moderate snow is forecast to move up the East Coast and through New England on Saturday. This storm has a fairly narrow gradient from light to moderate snowfall. Any shift in the track will have a significant impact on total snowfall. The following forecast is based on a blend of the GFS and NAM models.

Tonight...Increasing clouds early with light snow or flurries developing after 10:00 PM and continuing overnight with little or no affect on travel. Lows in the upper 20's in Northern CT to the low 30's along the coast.

Saturday...Snow becoming steadier around daybreak and continuing light to occasionally moderate at times during the morning and into the early afternoon with highs in the low to mid 30's. A minor travel impact can be expected across most of the state with a few pockets of moderate impact in Southeastern Connecticut where the snow is expected to be moderate at times.

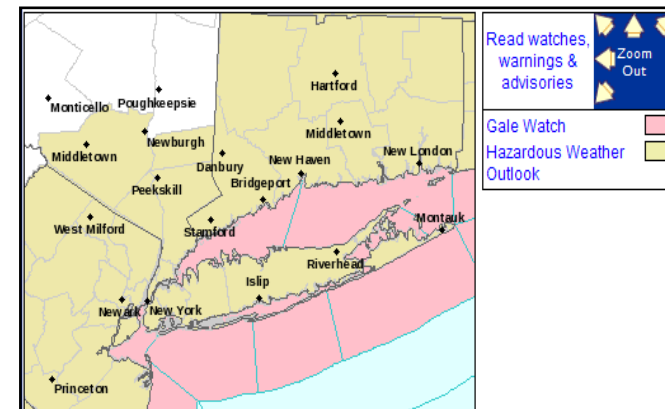
The snow is forecast to taper off to flurries from West to East between 2:00 – 4:00 PM Saturday afternoon. Total snowfall (see map) is forecast to range from 1 – 3 inches in the NW Hills up to 3 – 5 inches in Southeastern CT. Other than the impact on daytime travel no other significant hazards are expected from this storm event.

Sunday...As the storm departs our area on Sunday strong Northwest Winds gusting to 35 MPH at times can be expected. These winds combined with highs only in the mid 20's are forecast to result in wind chills in the single digits for most of the day.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest model runs and will issue another update at 9:00 AM Saturday morning or sooner if the forecast changes significantly.



CURRENT STORM TRACK AND SNOWFALL FORECAST



CURRENT WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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